

TOWNSHEND HAS OLD HOME DAY

Gathering Long to Be Remembered—Perfect Weather

PARADE INCLUDES OVER 40 VEHICLES

Interest in Speaking Program Centers in Address by Winfield Scott Montgomery of Washington—Sports, Play and Other Features.

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TOWNSHEND, Aug. 24.

Townshend's Old Home day is over, but the pleasure of renewed friendships and the joy of meeting old neighbors not seen for a score of years or more will keep the memory of the successful occasion fresh in the hearts of all for many months. The weather from earliest morning was perfect and aided in tempting many a day's outing. Many of the houses throughout the village were decorated with flags and bunting in honor of the guests and the majority of the homes entertained visitors who came to enjoy to the full the meaning of the day.

The opening event was the parade under the direction of Dr. R. W. Snyder, which was pronounced by all to be particularly attractive and pleasing. The line was at least half a mile long and some 42 decorated vehicles were included, all without exception being deserving of praise. First in line following the mounted marshal, Robert Cushman of Yonkers, N. Y., was the Grafton band of 20 pieces, then two automobiles carrying nine members of the Grand Army and two carrying members of the Relief corps. These cars were decorated alike with the national colors with the letters G. A. R. and W. R. C. on the wind shield. Among the organizations represented were the community club, using Henry Puffer's automobile truck, upon which was represented a scene from the comedy, Dea Dubbs, which was presented in the evening. The actors were all in costume. The W. C. T. U. members rode in a cart trimmed with white and with large white ribbon bows. On the side was the sentence "Uphold the 18th amendment." The Christian Endeavor float was well decorated with orange and green and carried a company of young people. The float arranged by the Daughters of Deacons carried a company of small girls dressed in Quaker costume and busy sewing. The float had yellow decorations. "The Little Red Schoolhouse" occupied one float with graded children as passengers. The center piece of the West River Grange float was a mammoth horn of plenty filled and banked with fruit, flowers, and vegetables. Uncle Sam in costume stood beside it with Columbia seated opposite. Flora, Pomona and Ceres were seated at the front offering their gifts to America. The characters were taken by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Franklin, Miss Clara Greenwood, Mrs. Earl Derry and Miss Evelyn Turner. A float which created much favorable comment was "Riverdale 70 years ago." This was a good sized building made on a truck, the outside whitened and with vines upon the walls, the inside completely furnished as a kitchen of olden times with fireplace, etc. The father played a fiddle while two girls danced a merry jig and other members of the family looked on. All were in old-time costume. The two pairs of horses were driven by P. P. Allbee in costume. Mrs. J. E. Squires arranged an automobile float in white depicting effectively a Red Cross scene with wounded soldiers.

Other well decorated automobiles were Mrs. Bessie Bellinger's, with ferns and goldenrod; Mrs. Walter Plumb's, Home Sweet Home; Mrs. A. J. S. Duket's, covered with cotton and snow crystals; Newfane drum corps, Spirit of '76; Wilfred Wheeler's, green and white. Two floats of much interest were a Vermont wood scene with life-size mounted bobcat and hunters half hid by trees, and a float representing the forest fire, showing white pine blisters and the legend "Save your pine."

Many of the town's industries were shown: Willard's mill auto trimmed with brush handles; J. E. Squire's lumber scene; J. E. Squire's sawmills; E. Vincent, barber shop with well worked out scene on floor; R. W. Phillips' store, poster decorated auto; W. F. Cate, truck with vegetables; G. A. Lawson, milk wagon painted and effectively decorated with green and gold; H. Stratton and J. H. Ware, trucks with Holstein and Durham cows; A. F. Cutler, grist mill industry; H. T. Waite, car yellow with posters, Watkin's products; Fitch Plumbing Co., truck with workmen and tools, those riding being all former Townshend men, including Fitch, Sparks, Marsh, Barry, W. S. Sparks.

The line of horribles was short but grotesque. In the parade were several horse-back riders, also Shetland ponies and a clown with donkey.

The prizes were awarded: First for decorated floats to J. E. Squires' auto truck, Red Cross scene; 2d to "Riverdale 70 years ago." First for principal and for Mrs. A. J. S. Duket; 2d to Wilfred Wheeler. Best represented business interest, W. F. Cate. Best horrible, C. H. Hawkins and daughter.

Immediately following the parade races and other sports for both boys and girls were held on the athletic field and a large number of contestants entered each event.

At 1:30 the afternoon program was held on the village park, a grandstand having been erected there. J. H. Ware, chairman of the general committee, presided, calling first upon Hon. Redfield Proctor of Proctor, who spoke impressively of the fact that the tendency of the state to usurp power from the small town was causing voters to lose interest and a sense of responsibility to the government. His theme was of our duty as citizens. Orrin B. Hughes of Brattleboro, who as next introduced, spoke feelingly of his schooldays at Leland and Gray seminaries and of his continued love for the town, saying that it is gatherings like these that help the valley by bringing old friends and interest back home. The speaker whom all had looked forward to with interest was Winfield Scott Montgomery of Washington, D. C. Mr. Montgomery came to this village with Col. Henry Dutton when a little colored boy of nine years. He attended B. R. Phillips made a delightful Trixie and Mrs. A. M. Fletcher was pleasing as Emily Dale. The play was followed by a dance with music by Snow's orchestra, which also gave selections between the acts of the play.

gathering 20 years ago. Mr. Montgomery is a man of attractive manner and appearance who carries his 70 years lightly.

Mr. Montgomery said:

"Mr. Chairman and Friends:

"Standing in this presence on this notable occasion, my first duty is to express thanks and appreciation for the honor and privilege of joining with you in celebrating Old Home day. In all the years of the separation from the scenes and friends of early life my thoughts have often reverted to Dear Old Townshend. Recollections rush into the mind; all the burial places of memory give up their dead; the present becomes the past and I again become a boy.

"One of the accepted privileges of the old is to reminisce, therefore you will please pardon me a running reference to my past, not in the spirit of conceit but to bring before you the salient facts of my life. Celebration of Old Home day commends itself to all, lest we forget the fundamental facts which have shaped our character and destiny.

"Some of us recall the time when men parted the garments of the country and cast lots over the vesture of the government. Still vivid in our minds is the picture of that magnificent host of young men from the North with swords wreathed in the beauty of the hills as they went forth to save the Union. Vermont of her bravest and best freely gave.

"Friends, my purpose is simply to portray my connection with the Green Mountain Boys in that tremendous conflict. The opening thunders of the Civil war were heard while I stood a little slave boy on the banks of the Mississippi river. A short distance from my home the 8th Vermont regiment was encamped at Algiers, opposite New Orleans. Almost daily I saw soldiers go through their maneuvers, saw the glittering guns and bayonets, the flashing swords, heard the rolling drums and the inspiring music of the band.

"Boy-like I was charmed with the spectacle and an irresistible impulse seized me to be with the soldiers. I ran away from home. That was my first connection with the regiment. They did not call me a mascot—the word was not then current—but as a matter of fact I was. Two splendid officers were especially kind to me: Lt. S. E. Howard of Jamaica and Capt. H. F. Dutton of Ludlow. With the regiment I made the campaign in Louisiana, and eventually reached Port Hudson, where for 44 days the gallant 8th engaged in the siege of that impregnable stronghold.

"The investment of this Gibraltar of the confederacy was costly in the death of many men of the regiment. I have a glastly picture of the dead as they were being buried in narrow, shallow trenches. At last Fort Hudson fell, and we were at once ordered to the Shenandoah valley, Virginia, for service under Gen. Phil Sheridan, the brilliant cavalry officer. Here occurred the battle of Winchester, Va., and Col. Dutton while leading the regiment into the battle had his arm shattered and was borne to the rear with hundreds of others whose bleeding forms have never faded from my eyes.

"Col. Dutton was sent to Townshend and I accompanied him. Through many weary months of suffering he was nursed by his devoted wife and Mrs. Cathan, and under their skillful and loving care he passed the danger point.

"I was accepted as a member of the Cathan household and accorded the kindest consideration and treatment by all. The God-fearing men and women of the town extended to me a warm and hearty welcome; the young people—the boys and girls—made me a companion and I forgot that I had a dark face.

"Over the graves of the noble fathers and mothers of that time, the grasses of many years have been waving. 'If I forget them let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I remember them not.'

"I will ever cherish and hold them in enduring and honoring memory. All that I am, all that I have achieved in life I owe to the good people of Townshend, and it is with a sense of profound gratitude that I here and now declare the debt. In this presence on Old Home day may I ask you to accept this humble tribute from one cast by the red tide of war into your midst, one who has tried to maintain in his life and work the sacred traditions and ideals of Vermont.

"The people of New England brought God into the country and have grandly maintained during all the years of the marvelous development which have made our country great, grand and glorious.

"Living during the impressionable period of my career among the Christian people of the town, I early chose that good path to which I have clung through all the vicissitudes of life; and as a man whose sands of life are running low, who has given thought to life and its problem, I make bold to say to the young people before me that religion is a good thing to live by, and a great cloud of witnesses through all the ages have declared it a better thing to die by.

"Curiously, briefly, brokenly, I have rehearsed the outstanding events which linked my life with the people of Townshend. I cannot express the emotions of gratitude that spring up in my heart, when I recall what I was and what I am. I cannot forget the men whose valor snatched me from bondage, who rest

'Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the Judgment Day.'

"I cannot forget the noble fathers and mothers of the long ago; and I will cherish in grateful and lasting memory the good will and the high honor you have this day shown to me."

Rev. R. H. Bosworth gave brief remarks in a humorous vein and original verses were read by V. W. Boyden, the underlying thoughts of which were that though hundreds attended the celebration yet our minds could picture the tens of thousands who have peopled the town during past years and whose spirit is with us today.

Miss Alice Dale gave three solos, The Pine Tree, by Mary Turner Salter; Homing, by Del Reigo, and Mammy's Song, by Porter. Mrs. Walter Plumb was accompanist.

The tickets for the comedy, Deacon Dubbs, presented in the town hall in the evening, were sold out long before night. The packed house was in a continuous uproar of laughter throughout the play. The ludicrous character part of Deacon Dubbs was taken to perfection by Dr. F. L. Osmond, and he was splendidly supported by the entire cast. Although a farcical comedy with more humorous than serious parts, yet a vein of tragedy ran through the play sufficient to keep up a live interest in the plot. Mrs. I. S. Soyve was at her best as the leading lady, Rose Raleigh, and Guy Barry interpreted his part of Mr. Coleman in a pleasing and natural manner. F. H. Lawrence in his usual lead of heavy villain gave unusual thrills to the audience. The character parts of Major McNutt, Deuteronomy Jones, Miss Philippa Popover and Jennie Jensen were exceptionally well taken by C. L. Aldrich, Howard Cutler, Mrs. F. H. Lawrence and Miss Beatrice Cunningham. Mrs. B. R. Phillips made a delightful Trixie and Mrs. A. M. Fletcher was pleasing as Emily Dale. The play was followed by a dance with music by Snow's orchestra, which also gave selections between the acts of the play.

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EAST PUTNEY TO

HAVE FIELD DAY

Community Club Arranges for Saturday of This Week—Sports on Dr. C. S. Pratt's Lawn.

The East Putney Community club will hold its first field day Saturday, Aug. 26, in Dr. C. S. Pratt's meadow. All are invited to attend and take part in the sports. There will be pitching quito, pole vaulting, shotput, high jump, broad jump, running races, hurdles, tug of war, potato race, and others. Prizes will be given and medals will be awarded to the three scoring the highest points. All bring basket lunch and make a day of it. The Community baseball club of Guilford will play the East Putney Community ball club at 2 o'clock. The grounds will be open at 10 o'clock in the morning and games will start at 10:30.

Be sure to bring the children, as Mr. Brown of Community Service, Brattleboro, has charge of their games and will give a Punch and Judy show. A committee of club women will sell ice-cream, frankfurters, rolls, candies and soft drinks. There is a fine parking place for automobiles. All interested in community work will have a good opportunity to see and judge results of two years' rural work.

Paul Razou of Boston will furnish the entertainment at Pierce's hall in the evening. His sleight of hand and works of magic are very interesting and entertaining. Mr. Razou has appeared before the club once before and was so well liked that they have secured him for a return engagement on Saturday evening. It is hoped there will be a large attendance.

BRATTLEBORO LOCAL

F. L. Pike of Brattleboro reports to the secretary of state \$400 damage to his car in a collision with one driven by C. H. Colvin of Greenfield, Mass., on Aug. 13 on the Bloody Brook curve near South Deerfield. The Massachusetts car was damaged to the extent of \$75.

Mrs. Anna L. Brooks of South Main street fell Tuesday on the piazza at her home and broke her left arm. She was taken to the Memorial hospital and had an x-ray examination, and the arm was placed in a plaster cast.

Mrs. H. L. Farwell and Mrs. K. E. Mosher will be hostesses at the Country club Saturday afternoon when bridge will be played beginning at 3:30. Reservations for supper should be made with the steward by tomorrow noon. Music for dancing in the evening will be furnished by a three-piece orchestra. The golf feature of the afternoon will be an exhibition foursome with J. A. Gallett and Willie Dow, professionals at Brattleboro and Greenfield, respectively, paired against Sandy Armstrong and C. W. Brooker of New York. This match will start at 2 o'clock and each club member will be entitled to invite one guest to witness it.

Girls, go to Cavanaugh's Beauty Parlor for a Clay Pack; removes all wrinkles and facial blemishes. Cla-Tone Co. 149-151

WEST BRATTLEBORO

Ernest Plant and Hugh Corbett were in Putney yesterday.

C. R. Prentiss is visiting his mother, Mrs. Hannah Prentiss, in Windham.

P. B. Stockwell, who has been confined to the house a week with shingles, is able to sit up.

Miss Lottie Crafts of Worcester, Mass., is a guest of her cousin, Mrs. W. E. Bartlett.

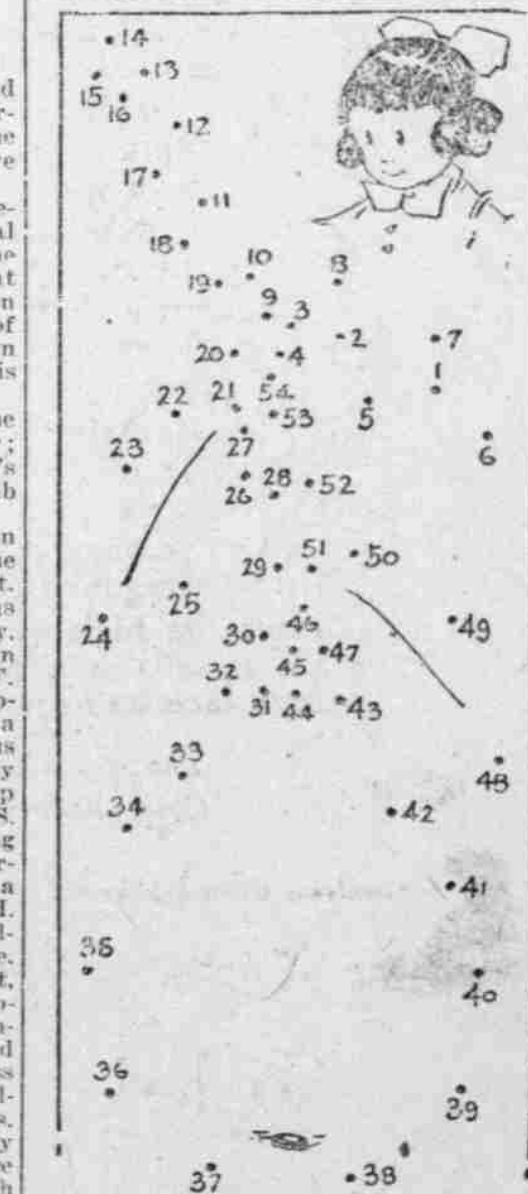
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Thayer of Little Falls, N. Y., are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thayer.

George Hamilton and Carl Nelson of Woodstock, Conn., stopped over night this week with Mr. Hamilton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hamilton. They were on their way to Burlington, where they are attending the convention of the New England Grange lecturers.

Regular prayer meeting at the Baptist church Friday night. Preaching service Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Bible school at 11:45 a. m. The weather permitting, an open air service will be conducted by the Christian Endeavor society in Bigelow's lot by the brook at 3 p. m. Sunday. There will be no Sunday evening service. The Boy Scouts will meet at 7:45 Monday evening.

R. W. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. LeMay, F. B. Richardson and son, Fred, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Howard, Mrs. Bower and son, L. L. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Erving Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Miller, W. E. Bartlett, R. B. Thomas, E. P. Cover, G. F. Covey, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Covey and L. O. Covey attended the Farm Bureau demonstration and picnic in Westminster yesterday.

Draw fifty-four and you'll see where I found a lovely Bartlett — Draw from one to two and so on to the end.



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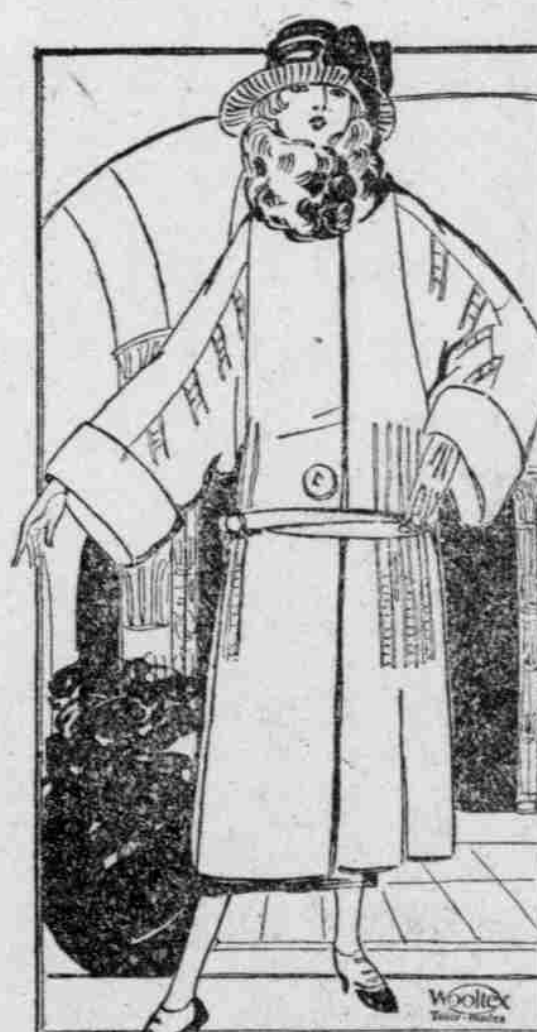
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